


AmeriCorps VISTA

Sponsor Meeting



January 13, 2021

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Agenda



- Welcome!
- VISTA Director Remarks
- VISTA Updates
- Schools of National Service
- AmeriCorps Office of Monitoring
- Q&A
- Webinar Evaluatio
- Closing Remarks

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The recording and slides will be posted on the VISTA Campus in the next week.

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Marketing, Outreach, and Recruitment



Desiree Tucker-Sorini @VISTA_Director · Nov 20, 2020

I am grateful for the @AmeriCorpsVISTA members who served this summer as contact tracers in #Colorado. Their service with @cnc_colorado and @ConserveLegacy was vital in helping the state respond to #COVID19. #GetThingsDone #BeTheGreaterGood


AmeriCorps VISTA @AmeriCorpsVISTA · Nov 4, 2020

Phyllis Elliott spent this summer as an #AmeriCorpsVISTA with @cnc_colorado as a contact tracer for Colorado. She saw this as her opportunity to gain experience in public health while also making a positive impact helping to curb the spread of #COVID19. ameri-corps.gov

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"I wanted to help with the efforts of slowing the spread of COVID-19."

PHYLLIS ELLIOTT
NORTH CAROLINA



AmeriCorps VISTA @AmeriCorpsVISTA · Dec 31, 2020

We're ending the year with one of our favorite stories from 2020! Due to #COVID19, Isabel had to end her @PeaceCorps service early and return home. Thankfully, she was able to continue her passion for service with @AmeriCorps as a VISTA Leader. ow.ly/7Dyp50CXHkm




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THE BEST OF THE YEAR*


*2020 wasn't great. These stories were.

AmeriCorpsVISTA · Dec 30, 2020

ardship - including homelessness, Tiffany Adams wanted help." She began her journey by serving as an member. Her journey now serves as inspiration for her ll player at @UCF_MBB.



UCF forward Isaiah Adams inspired by mom's push to overcome home...
UCF forward Isaiah Adams, who has become one of the Knights' top scorers this season, is inspired by mom's drive to overcome homelessness...
orlandosentinel.com



BE THE GREATER GOOD live

The Fight Against Poverty & Racial Injustice

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19 • 11:50 A.M. EST

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Members

- ▶ 8,205 AmeriCorps members served with VISTA
 - 5,349 full year members
 - 2,856 summer associates
- ▶ More than 89,000 member applications submitted

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Business Efficiencies



Name-based background checks

6.5% Cost of living adjustment



Centralized business process

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Training



- **31** live training events (1 in-person; 30 Online)
- **6,915** participants (AmeriCorps members, leaders, supervisors)
- **12** live trainings and **42** self-directed modules for AmeriCorps staff
- **512** participants (AmeriCorps staff)

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AmeriCorps VISTA Projects



701 VISTA projects awarded
Including **135** new projects

Results highlighting the **value of VISTA** from **2** UTexas studies

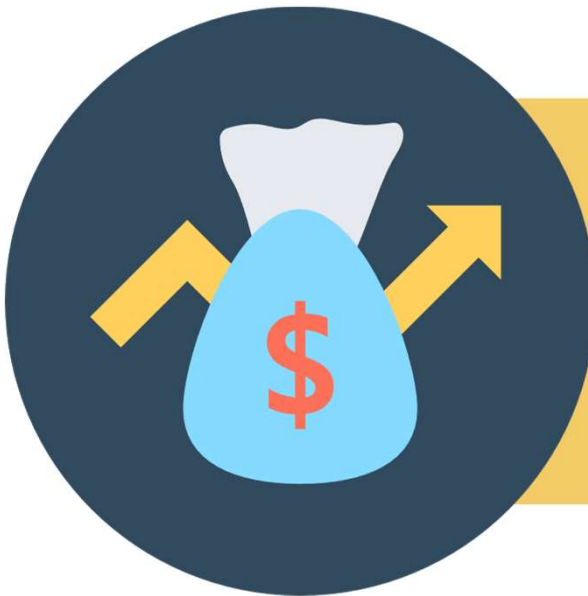
Launch of Implementation
Evaluation – **Take our survey!**



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Investment



\$7.35M in combatting the opioid epidemic

\$3.56M in STEM education, training, and opportunities

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Schools of National Service

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Higher Education and AmeriCorps: Partnering for Public Good



- **Longstanding AmeriCorps and Higher Education Partnership:**
 - \$4+ billion in Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards
 - Hundreds of higher education AmeriCorps & VISTA grantees
 - Extensive programming to expand college access and completion



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Vision of Schools of National Service



The AmeriCorps Schools of National Service initiative recognizes that individuals who serve in AmeriCorps are mission-driven leaders who bring tremendous value to higher education or other post-secondary institutions that benefit students, institutions, the community, and the nation.

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What is Schools of National Service?



- Schools of National Service makes higher and continuing education **more accessible for AmeriCorps members and alumni.**
- By participating in the program, **institutions will gain access to over 1.2 million AmeriCorps alumni**, who bring leadership skills, problem-solving ability, and commitment to civic engagement that are a welcome addition to any learning environment.
- Schools of National Service will give higher education institutions a way to attract these students and prepare the leaders of tomorrow **by making college more affordable and accessible today.**

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Schools of National Service Campaign



Goals:

- Enhance value of AmeriCorps experience
- Get more higher education institutions to sign on
- Raise awareness among members and alums



Tools: New Website, Segal Payments Data, Outreach Kit

Partners: State Commissions, AmeriCorps Grantees and VISTA Project Sponsors, Campus Compact, AmeriCorps Alums, Higher Education Groups

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Options for Participating Schools



- **Scholarships or fellowships** for AmeriCorps alumni
- **Priority points** for admission consideration
- **In-state tuition** for national service alumni (particularly Alumni who may have served in your state)
- **Expenses** like books and supplies, room and board, other personal costs like transportation
- **One-year enrollment deferrals** or **leave of absence** for individuals to serve in AmeriCorps
- **Academic credit** for AmeriCorps service

As well as other initiatives that may vary by institution.

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Schools of National Service Payments Data



- How many students use their Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards in your state?
- How much money is returned to your state through Schools of National Service?
- How much in Segal AmeriCorps Education Award money has been paid to a particular college or university? How many AmeriCorps alums have made those payments?
- **Get answers to these and other questions from the Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards Data page on the Schools of National Service Website.**

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Data Visualizations



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Top 20 States by Payments 1994-2019



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Higher Ed Institutions

Payments
1994 -2019

1	Johns Hopkins University	\$35.33 M
2	Relay Graduate School of Education	\$31.17 M
3	Loyola Marymount University	\$30.61 M
4	University of California	\$25.95 M
5	Pace University	\$24.99 M
6	California State University	\$23.35 M
7	University of Wisconsin	\$20.13 M
8	Hunter College	\$19.37 M
9	University of Texas	\$19.29 M
10	Columbia University	\$17.38 M
11	University of Michigan	\$14.66 M
12	Boston University	\$14.57 M
13	City College of New York	\$14.52 M
14	Brooklyn College	\$13.69 M
15	University of Washington	\$13.67 M
16	Harvard University	\$13.26 M
17	Dominican University	\$12.51 M
18	University of Colorado	\$12.18 M
19	University of Notre Dame	\$11.96 M
20	University of North Carolina	\$11.60 M
21	University of Minnesota	\$11.34 M

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Data on Specific Institutions



§529	3. State	CA	ALL INSTITUTIONS	ALL SYSTEMS	ALL YEARS	221,430,165.70	61,654
§530	2. System	CA	ALL INSTITUTIONS	ANTHEM EDUCATION	ALL YEARS	5,703.84	3
§531	2. System	CA	ALL INSTITUTIONS	CALIFORNIA COLLEGE	ALL YEARS	4,935	3
§532	2. System	CA	ALL INSTITUTIONS	CALIFORNIA COMMU	ALL YEARS	75,068,453.40	22,686
§533	2. System	CA	ALL INSTITUTIONS	CALIFORNIA STATE UN	ALL YEARS	41,578,717.18	15,371
§534	2. System	CA	ALL INSTITUTIONS	DEVRY UNIVERSITY	ALL YEARS	90,931.96	23
§535	2. System	CA	ALL INSTITUTIONS	EVEREST COLLEGES, IN	ALL YEARS	507,776.59	159
§536	2. System	CA	ALL INSTITUTIONS	THE ART INSTITUTES	ALL YEARS	190,991.23	49
§537	2. System	CA	ALL INSTITUTIONS	TOURO COLLEGE AND	ALL YEARS	9,975	2
§538	2. System	CA	ALL INSTITUTIONS		ALL YEARS	103,972,681.50	26,979
§539	1. Institutio	CA	ABRAM FRIEDMAN OCCUPATIONAL CENTER		ALL YEARS	2,246.72	2
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§541	1. Institutio	CA	ABRAM FRIEDMAN OCCUPATIONAL CENTER		2011	900	1
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What can AmeriCorps VISTA Project Sponsors do?



- **Ask Higher Education Institutions to Sign On:** Reach out to colleges and universities you have connections with to encourage them to become a School of National Service.
- **Spread the Word:** Use #AmeriCorps and #schoolsofservice.
- **Talk to your elected officials** about Schools of National Service including state legislative initiatives.
- **Tell Members and Alums:** In "Life After AmeriCorps" trainings or other gatherings, tell AmeriCorps members and alums about this initiative and how they could benefit.
- **Keep Us Posted:** If you are doing outreach to a particular institution and want support or information, please let us know!

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Questions?



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Office of Monitoring

Overview for VISTA Sponsors

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Welcome Message

Caroline Fernandez, Deputy Director, Office of Monitoring



- Office of Monitoring Core Functions and Team Structure
- Monitoring Framework
- Monitoring Activity Lifecycle



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Office of Monitoring

Core Functions



Independent Monitoring

- Compliance monitoring of AmeriCorps awardees
- Guided by Federal regulations and program requirements

Stewardship of Public Funds

- Create an effective grant monitoring program
- Identify compliance trends across AmeriCorps grant portfolio

Organizational Effectiveness

- Apply centralized and standardized approach to monitoring
- Risk-based monitoring framework to allocate monitoring resources

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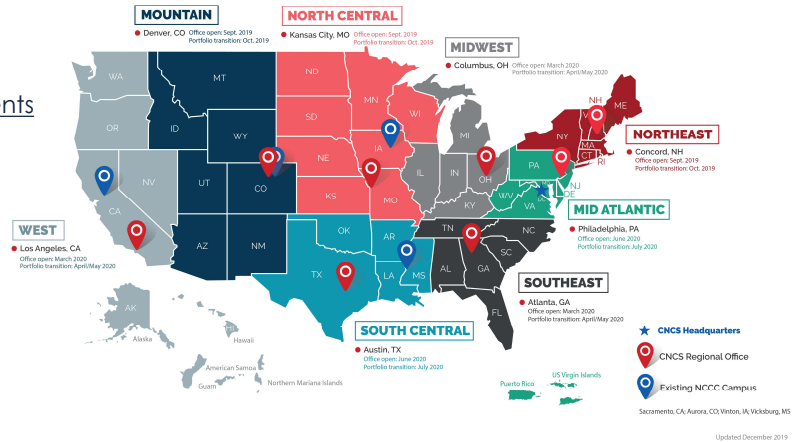
Team Structure



REGION MAP

Monitoring Officer Regional Assignments

Northeast: Jackie Simon
 Mid Atlantic: Sara Fry
 South Central: Kelly McGowan
 North Central: Elizabeth Carlberg
 Southeast: Chelsea Cole
 West: Salimah Shabazz
 Midwest: Adrienne Love
 Mountain: John Clinton



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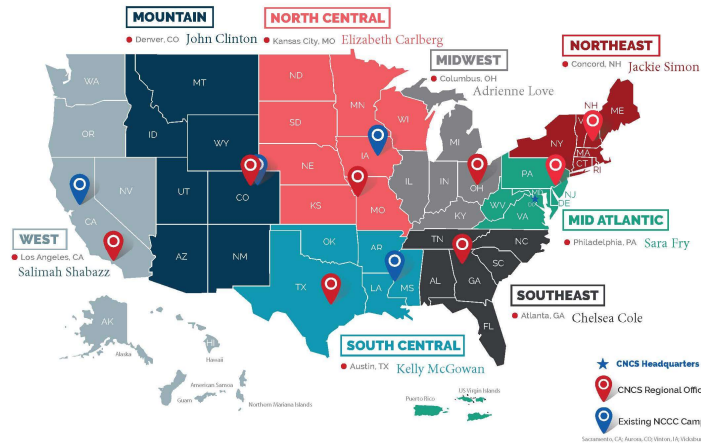
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Monitoring Framework

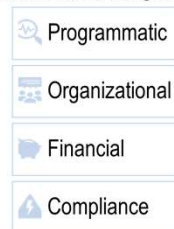
Risk-based Monitoring



- Risk-based selections



- Issue-based assignments



- Align risk assessment module with areas of monitoring for compliance assessment

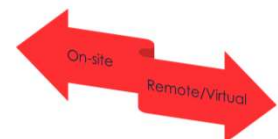
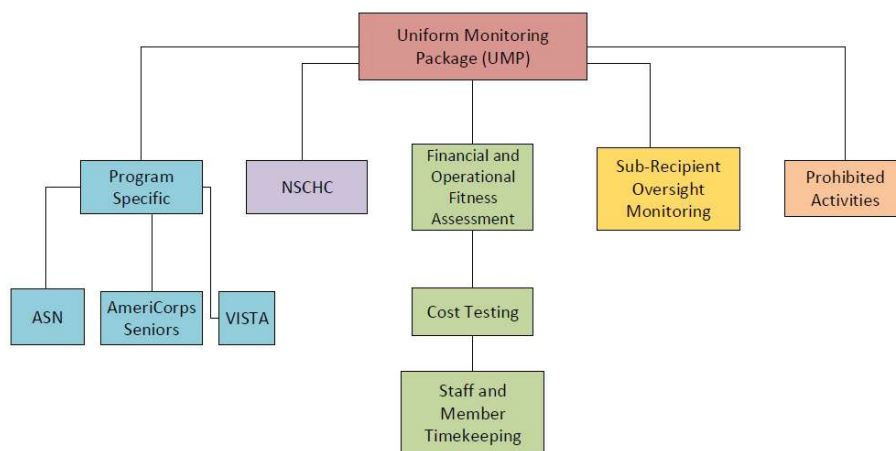
- Inform monitoring plan by mapping monitoring assessment tools to risk indicator categories and the identified levels of risk

- Test tools and apply monitoring framework concurrently with Risk Assessment maturity model

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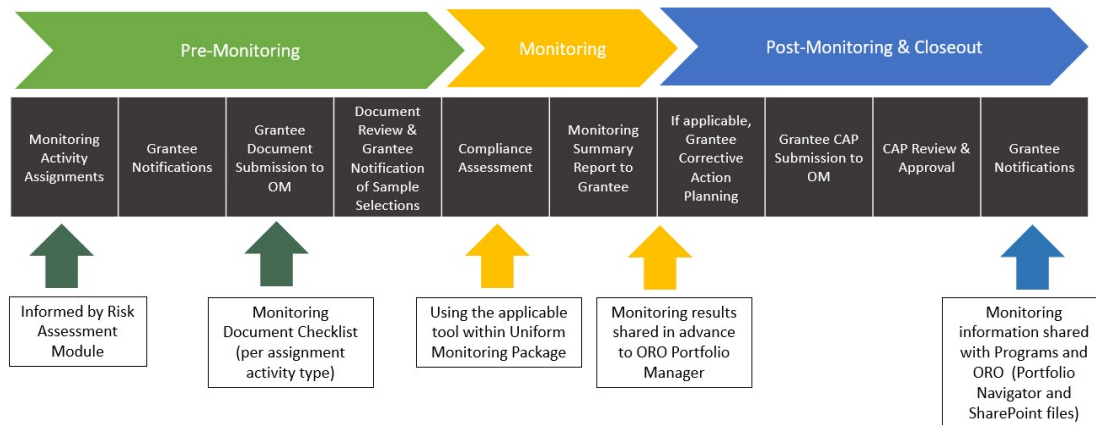
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Toolkit



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Monitoring Activity Lifecycle



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What questions do you have for VISTA?



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Next VISTA Sponsor Meeting



**Wednesday,
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3-4:00 p.m. ET**

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Meeting Evaluation



Please take a few minutes to provide feedback on today's meeting:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SponCallJan13>

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